



Senator Vincent D. Fort

Senate District 39



Vincent D. Fort was first elected to the State Senate from the 39th District in 1996 and has been reelected six times . He represents parts of the city of Atlanta and East Point.

Sen. Fort serves on the Appropriations, Judiciary, Education and Youth, Reapportionment and Redistricting , State Institutions and Property, Urban Affairs and Marta Oversight Committees. Sen.Fort has chaired the Retirement Committee, Interstate Cooperation Committee the Fulton County Senate Delegation and the Georgia Legislative Black Caucus Education Committee.

Sen. Fort authored the first hate crimes law in 2001. This legislation is designed to provide for enhanced penalties for defendants who intentionally select their victim due to bias or prejudice such as crimes based on race, religion, ethnicity, disability and sexual orientation .

In 2001, Sen. Fort authored a predatory lending law, which was the basis for the strongest predatory lending law of its kind, passed in 2002. Since then, he has become nationally recognized as a leader in the fight against predatory lending. Sen. Fort also authored a law which increases disabled access to housing.

Sen. Fort is responsible for securing \$20 Million in funding for buildings at Atlanta Technical College and Atlanta Metropolitan College. As a member of the Education Committee, Sen. Fort has been on the forefront for protecting for public education.

He received his Bachelor of Arts Degree in American History at Central Connecticut State College and his Masters Degree in African American History from Atlanta University. He has been a professor at several institutions including Morehouse College and Morris Brown College.

Sen. Fort has been recognized by several organizations such as the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) , Georgia Council on Aging ,the American Association of Retired Persons (AARP) and The Georgia Commission on the

Holocaust. He has been recognized as legislator of the year by the Georgia Association of Educators and the National Association of Consumer Advocates. He has also received the Unsung Hero award from the Anti-Defamation League

Sen. Fort has appeared on numerous local national and international media outlets including CNN, Fox News, New York Times, Washington Post, Newsweek, The Nation Magazine, The Wall Street Journal, Los Angeles Times, HDNet with Dan Rather and Financial Times.

Sen. Fort currently lives in Atlanta and has three children.

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